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Application No. 09/434,837

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For: PLANTS HAVING ENHANCED RESISTANCE
TO GALL AND METHODS AND
COMPOSITIONS FOR PRODUCING SAME

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This document is submitted in response to the Office action dated August 6, 2002. A three-month period of reply was set, making a response due on or before November 6, 2002. A petition by the Applicants for a one-month extension of time is enclosed, along with a fee a one-month extension of time, making a response due on or before December 6, 2002.

Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please enter the following amendments in this application:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, immediately following the header

"GOVERNMENTAL SUPPORT," with the following:

This invention was made with government support under grants numbered 96-34354-3072 and 2002-35319-11555, awarded by the United States Department of Agriculture. The federal government has certain rights in the invention.